

Cable: I can be the next PM in No.10

by **SHAUN CONNOLLY**

LIBERAL Democrat leader Sir Vince Cable has insisted he is a credible candidate to be the next prime minister.

Despite heading a party with just 12 MPs, Sir Vince said he could replace Theresa May in Downing Street.

The Lib Dem leader told BBC One's The Andrew Marr Show: 'I think it's perfectly plausible, actually. As leader of the third UK party, my job is to be the alternative prime minister.'

'I think British politics is in a remarkable state of flux. You have got the Conservative Party in an open civil war – complete breakdown of discipline. You have got the Labour Party in a suppressed civil war.'

'I, and my party, are the alternative.'

Asked if the Lib Dems could get a Commons majority, Sir Vince said: 'If British party politics starts to break up, if the traditional structures start to break up, and that could well happen, we are



Ambition: Sir Vince Cable PA

Donald Trump should be refused the honour of a state visit to Britain because he is 'a bully, a misogynist and a racist', the deputy leader of the Lib Dems has said. Jo Swinson used her party conference speech to set out plans for tackling the rise of populist politics and parties such as Nigel Farage's Ukip. 'Faragey, Trumpy, angry, arsey, shouty, slogans aren't a solution to anything,' she said.

extremely well positioned with moderate, sensible policies.'

He also attacked European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker, branding him 'pompous, self-important and overpaid'.

His comments, made at the start of his party's annual conference in Bournemouth, came after Mr Juncker, who earns nearly £300,000, said Britain would 'regret' Brexit and set out new plans to expand the EU.

Charles and Camilla lead tributes



Remembering The Few: The royals watch a World War II flypast at end of the Battle of Britain service



Paying his respects: Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn REX

THE Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall joined war veterans at Westminster Abbey to mark the 77th anniversary of the Battle of Britain yesterday.

Prime minister Theresa May and Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn were among more than 2,000 people at the service to remember the sacrifice made by those during the 1940 campaign. Survivors, dubbed The Few, were applauded as they left the

service and Sqn Ldr Geoffrey Wellum, 96, admitted: 'It gets more emotional for me each year. Escorting the Roll of Honour with that slow march... I have to fight for self-control a bit.' The royals watched a Spitfire and Hurricane fly past at a reception with four remaining survivors, Mr Wellum and Wg Cdrs Tom Neil, Paul Farnes and Tim Elkington, after the service.



to the fallen heroes of the skies



Tribute: Prime minister Theresa May and husband Philip joined more than 2,000 people at the service

Tories hit out at the timing of 'Backseat' Boris's article

by **SAM LISTER**

BORIS JOHNSON has been accused of 'backseat driving' as home secretary Amber Rudd criticised the timing of his 4,000-word blueprint for Britain's withdrawal from the EU.

The foreign secretary's article was published the day after the Parsons Green bomb attack and has been viewed as a challenge to Theresa May's leadership.

Mrs Rudd, a Remain supporter, said she didn't want Mr Johnson 'manag-



Accuser: Amber Rudd PICTURES: PA/GETTY

ing the Brexit process' and insisted the prime minister was 'driving the car'.

Asked if she had read the article in The Daily Telegraph, she told BBC1's The Andrew Marr Show: 'Unfortunately not. I had rather a lot to do on Friday. There was a bomb that nearly went off in Parsons Green.'

'Yesterday, I chaired Cobra, I went to see the police. No, I didn't have time to read the piece.'

Mrs Rudd said Scottish Tory leader Ruth Davidson 'has a point' when she criticised Mr Johnson for submitting the piece as London suffered another terror attack.

Asked if the intervention was helpful, she replied: 'I think it is absolutely fine. I




Chided: Boris Johnson

would expect nothing less from Boris.' But his decision to release the article just six days before Mrs May is due to set out her Brexit plans in a speech in Florence prompted claims in The Mail on Sunday that allies of the prime minister believe the move is 'hostile'.

Meanwhile Mr Johnson was criticised for a 'clear misuse' of official figures by the statistics watchdog after he revived the widely discredited referendum pledge that up to £350million a week extra could be spent on the NHS after Brexit.


Sip. Tap. Win.




Use Android Pay for your chance to win a prize.

With HSBC, you could have up to 10 chances a day to win one of 200,000 gift cards at Currys PC World, House of Fraser and many more when you add your HSBC card to Android Pay™ for the first time and start tapping.*

Search: HSBC Android Pay



In partnership with
HSBC

*T&Cs, device restrictions and time limits apply. Cards must be added and used by 12 December 2017. Most HSBC cards are eligible subject to status. UK residents, aged 16+. Android Pay™ is a trademark of Google Inc. Issued by HSBC Bank plc. 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ. ©HSBC Bank plc 2017. All Rights Reserved.



EXPLORE NEW PLANETS

A L I E N C O V E N A N T

EXPERIENCE IT ON BLU-RAY™ & DVD NOW